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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

THROUGH : Deputy Project Director

SUBJECT : Disposition of RADAN and APQ-56 Equipment Surplus to Project AQUATONE Requirements

1. With the decision to terminate our use of RADAN and the APQ-56 gear comes the matter of disposition of the several sets of each type of equipment. In a discussion this date that began on the matter of terminating personal services of GPL and Westinghouse personnel, several related items came out that I should like to pass on to you, together with a suggestion I have regarding disposition of the RADAN gear.

2. Present this morning for this talk were:

briefly, and myself. In the matter of RADAN, noted that our procurement involved a total of five sets, plus operating spares, and that each set in its present form represents a cost of approximately \$42,000. At the same time, he observed that Air Weather Service has been keenly interested in obtaining three RADAN sets with slightly different specifications than ours. However, our RADAN, the PC-210A model, can be readily converted to PC-201 specs through a modification to the racks costing probably no more than two or three thousand dollars. Dick also mentioned that AWS had been having considerable difficulty digging up FY 57 funds to enable procurement, even if GPL could meet their requirement, which they apparently cannot.

3. Therefore, I would like to make the following suggestion for disposing of our RADAN capability:

a. Since the FOG Program lost a RADAN configuration on one of the two aircraft that crashed last Friday, they be offered the opportunity to have one of our five sets.

c. In view of the interest displayed by AWS in obtaining three RADAN sets for their U-2 aircraft, their inability to locate funds, or to work their requirement into the GPL production capability, that we make them an outright gift of our two remaining PC-210A models, together with operating spares, with the understanding that they pay only for the cost of making up the required racks for their installation.

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4. I make the suggestion in Paragraph 3.c with the thought that such a gesture would provide a timely means of demonstrating our appreciation to AWS for the part they have played, not only in the structuring of our organizational cover but in the implementation of our meteorological data gathering mission. I feel that this move would be a tangible piece of evidence of this appreciation that might gain us valuable good will in AWS and the Air Force generally. Since the equipment is ultimately destined for AWS U-2 aircraft, it would still have the net effect of contributing to the U-2 capability, albeit in another organization than ours.

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5. In conformity with the above suggestion, I would propose that the distribution of spares be in direct proportion to the disposition of the five sets. Test equipment for RADAN, which is OWE, can be turned back to the Air Force [REDACTED] to support their several capabilities in this gear.

6. As for the APQ-56 equipment, you are aware that our total procurement here was also for five sets and operating spares. The basic APQ-56 sets have been delivered, but since the spares are predicated on a time-phase program, all have not been delivered. It would seem appropriate not to terminate our procurement with Westinghouse in such a manner that delivery of time-phased spares would be affected. The following disposition of our APQ-56 capability might be in order:

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a. Since FOG lost a single APQ-56 configuration in one of last Friday's crashes, you may wish to have them become a customer for one of our five sets, as a replacement item.

8. If you concur in all or part of these suggestions, you may wish to seek the Director's concurrence as the next step, assuming that you feel such approval is necessary. In the case of making an outright gift

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of two RADAN sets to AWS, I think that it could be justified as an offset to the significant contribution from the Air Force.

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